

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An expandable well screen having a temporary sealing substance. In a
5 described embodiment, a method of installing a well screen in a subterranean
well includes the steps of: providing the screen including a temporary sealing
substance preventing fluid flow through a wall of the screen; positioning the
screen in a wellbore of the well; expanding the screen in the wellbore; and
degrading the sealing substance, thereby permitting fluid flow through the screen
10 wall.